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To: [Philip Lewin](#)
Cc: [William McConnell](#); [Ann Branaman](#); [Maria Jennings](#); [Korey Sorge](#); [Pierre Alexandre](#)
Subject: Re: New Sociology Concentration - Request for Letter of Support from Business
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 11:26:28 AM

Hi Phillip:

Management Programs supports this.

Best,

Ethlyn Williams

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To: Ethlyn Williams <ewilliam@fau.edu>
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Subject: New Sociology Concentration - Request for Letter of Support from Business

Hi Ethlyn,

I hope you're doing well!

I'm writing because the Department of Sociology is developing a new concentration in Health, Health Care, and Social Services for our majors. The concentration doesn't involve any new courses or requirements; it simply allows majors who are interested in the topics of health and social services to specialize their Sociology degree electives. Would you please review the proposal to determine whether there is any conflict between the proposed concentration and your Health Administration program?

I hope there is no conflict. We are not training students to become healthcare managers, but rather to study and address the social determinants of health. Our intent is to help orient

Sociology majors who are interested in health-related research and social services careers. Please let us know if you have any feedback or if the proposed major concentration can proceed as-is.

Thank you,
Phil

Philip Lewin

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RE: New Sociology concentration area

From Evonne Rezler <erezler@fau.edu>

Date Tue 3/4/2025 12:44 PM

To William McConnell <wmccconnell@fau.edu>

Cc Ann Branaman <branaman@fau.edu>; Philip Lewin <lewinp@fau.edu>; Valery Forbes <veforbes@fau.edu>;
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 2 attachments (530 KB)

New Program Request_Sociology Health Concentration_v2.docx; fauprogramchangeug_SocHealthConcentration_v2.pdf;

Dear Dr. McConnell,

The relevant College of Science Chairs have reviewed this proposal. There are no conflicts or objections. The proposed major concentration can proceed as-is.

Regards,

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Subject: New Sociology concentration area

Importance: High

Dear Dr. Rezler,

The Department of Sociology is developing a new concentration in Health, Health Care, & Social Services for our Sociology Majors. The concentration does not involve any new courses or requirements - these are guidelines for our Sociology majors who are interested in health and social services to specialize their Sociology degree electives. Would you please review to determine whether there is any conflict between the proposed concentration and your existing pre-health professions undergraduate programs?

I hope there is no conflict – we are proposing no new courses and this is for Sociology majors only. We are not training students to be health professionals. Our intent is to help orient our majors who are interested in health-

related research, government, HR, and social services careers. Please let us know if you have any feedback or if the proposed major concentration can proceed as-is.

Thank you,
Will

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Re: New Sociology concentration area

From Michael Robinson <michaelrobinson@fau.edu>

Date Mon 3/3/2025 12:46 PM

To William McConnell <wmccconnell@fau.edu>

Cc Ann Branaman <branaman@fau.edu>; Philip Lewin <lewinp@fau.edu>

Hi William,

We do not have a conflict with this offering. Good luck.

Best

From: William McConnell <wmccconnell@fau.edu>

Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 2:34 PM

To: Michael Robinson <michaelrobinson@fau.edu>

Cc: Ann Branaman <branaman@fau.edu>, Philip Lewin <lewinp@fau.edu>

Subject: New Sociology concentration area

Dear Dr. Robinson,

The Department of Sociology is developing a new concentration in Health, Health Care, & Social Services for our Sociology Majors. The concentration does not involve any new courses or requirements - these are guidelines for our Sociology majors who are interested in health and social services to specialize their Sociology degree electives. Would you please review to determine whether there is any conflict between the proposed concentration and your existing programs?

I hope there is no conflict – we are proposing no new courses and this is for Sociology majors only. I actually think this could help orient our Sociology majors who are interested in pursuing an MSW after graduation.

Thank you,
Will

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